

Assembly Bill No. 1389

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CHAPTER ____

An act to amend Section 1808.4 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1389, Perata. Vehicles: Department of Motor Vehicles: records: confidentiality.

(1) Existing law prohibits the disclosure of certain home addresses that appear in any records of the Department of Motor Vehicles, including, among others, the home addresses of certain law enforcement personnel and the spouses and children of these persons, except as specified.

Existing law requires the home addresses specified above to be withheld from public inspection for 3 years following termination of office or employment, except with respect to retired peace officers, whose home address is required to be withheld from public inspection permanently upon request of confidentiality at the time the information would otherwise be opened.

Existing law makes a violation of the prohibition specified above a felony if the disclosure is of the home address of specified peace officers, among others, or the spouses or children of these peace officers and the disclosure results in bodily injury to these persons.

This bill, in addition, would require the home address of the surviving spouse or child of a peace officer, as defined, if the peace officer died in the line of duty, to be withheld from public inspection for 3 years following the death of the peace officer.

By expanding the scope of an existing crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

(2) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.



The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 1808.4 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:

1808.4. (a) The home address of any of the following persons, that appears in any record of the department, is confidential, if the person requests the confidentiality of that information:

- (1) Attorney General.
- (2) State public defender.
- (3) Members of the Legislature.
- (4) Judges or court commissioners.
- (5) District attorneys.
- (6) Public defenders.

(7) Attorneys employed by the Department of Justice, the office of the State Public Defender, or a county office of the district attorney or public defender.

(8) City attorneys and attorneys who submit verification from their public employer that they represent the city in matters that routinely place them in personal contact with persons under investigation for, charged with, or convicted of, committing criminal acts, if those attorneys are employed by city attorneys.

(9) Nonsworn police dispatchers.

(10) Child abuse investigators or social workers, working in child protective services within a social services department.

(11) Active or retired peace officers, as defined in Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section 830) of Title 3 of Part 2 of the Penal Code.

(12) Employees of the Department of Corrections, the Department of the Youth Authority, or the Prison Industry Authority specified in Sections 20017.77 and 20017.79 of the Government Code.

(13) Nonsworn employees of a city police department, a county sheriff's office, the Department of the California Highway Patrol, federal, state, and local detention facilities, and local juvenile halls, camps, ranches, and homes, who submit agency verification that, in the normal course of their employment, they control or

supervise inmates or are required to have a prisoner in their care or custody.

(14) County counsels assigned to child abuse cases.

(15) Investigators employed by the Department of Justice, a county district attorney, or a county public defender.

(16) Members of a city council.

(17) Members of a board of supervisors.

(18) Federal prosecutors and criminal investigators and National Park Service Rangers working in this state.

(19) Any active or retired city enforcement officer engaged in the enforcement of the Vehicle Code or municipal parking ordinances.

(20) (A) The spouse or child of any person listed in paragraphs (1) to (19), inclusive, regardless of the spouse's or child's place of residence.

(B) The surviving spouse or child of a peace officer, as defined in Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section 830) of Title 3 of Part 2 of the Penal Code, if the peace officer died in the line of duty.

(b) The confidential home address of any of the persons listed in subdivision (a) shall not be disclosed to any person, except a court, a law enforcement agency, the State Board of Equalization, or any governmental agency to which, under any provision of law, information is required to be furnished from records maintained by the department.

(c) Any record of the department containing a confidential home address shall be open to public inspection, as provided in Section 1808, if the address is completely obliterated or otherwise removed from the record. The home address shall be withheld from public inspection for three years following termination of office or employment except with respect to retired peace officers, whose home addresses shall be withheld from public inspection permanently upon request of confidentiality at the time the information would otherwise be opened. The home address of the surviving spouse or child listed in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (20) of subdivision (a) shall be withheld from public



inspection for three years following the death of the peace officer. The department shall inform any person who requests a confidential home address what agency the individual whose address was requested is employed by or the court at which the judge or court commissioner presides.

(d) A violation of subdivision (a) by the disclosure of the confidential home address of a peace officer, as specified in paragraph (11) of subdivision (a), a nonsworn employee of the city police department or county sheriff's office, or the spouses or children of these persons, including, but not limited to, the surviving spouse or child listed in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (20) of subdivision (a), that results in bodily injury to the peace officer, employee of the city police department or county sheriff's office, or the spouses or children of these persons is a felony.

SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution.

Notwithstanding Section 17580 of the Government Code, unless otherwise specified, the provisions of this act shall become operative on the same date that the act takes effect pursuant to the California Constitution.



Approved _____, 1998

Governor

